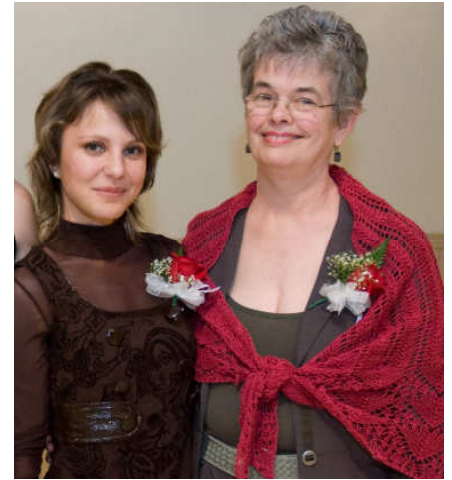


## **READ Saskatoon Rigby-Wilcox Adult Learner Award**

### **Nataliia Pavlovska**

Nataliia is 28 years old, and came to Saskatoon with her husband and two small children just two years ago. I have been her tutor for eight months.

Nataliia holds a University degree equivalent to a Bachelor of Education, and in the Ukraine was teaching small children, including some with special needs. Her current job is as a cleaner with a farm equipment manufacturing company.



Nataliia seeks out learning materials and incorporates them into her routine. She discovered an ESL program with workbooks and CDs at the library and she listens to the CDs while she is cleaning. She also works to complete the exercises and brings them to me for correction.

One of the impediments to Nataliia's progress with her English is that she has little opportunity to practise. She works from four pm to midnight weekdays. Time with her family is very restricted and she is unable to prioritize speaking English at home. The chance to use her new language is limited to a few exchanges at work, everyday interactions at the library, the bank, the grocery store, and the time she spends with me. So she now has a short-term goal: to find a day job. On her own, Nataliia approached the Open Door Society, and she is now in possession of an excellent resume. She will use it to apply for work as a teacher's assistant.

I am amazed and in awe. What a privilege to guide this extraordinary young woman in her quest to become "one of us", but whose unswerving values and standards of conduct make me want to be more like her: a new Canadian of whom we can all be extremely proud and a Learner worthy of being honored with this Award.

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